

**TOWN OF BASS LAKE
SAWYER COUNTY
FIRE DEPARTMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2008
MINUTES**

John McCue, Town Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Members present; John McCue, George Long, Marvin Mullet, Dorothy Brueggen, James Kenney and John Bixby. Member absent; Pete Sanders.

John McCue chaired the meeting due to the absence of Moderator Sanders.

Town Clerk Henk affirmed the agenda was posted in compliance with the open meetings law.

A motion was made by Long, seconded by Brueggen to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

No minutes were available for the January 7, 2008 meeting at this time. Sanders will submit at next meeting.

Minutes of the February 4, 2008 meeting were presented to the committee. Motion by Brueggen, seconded by McCue to approve. Motion carried.

Motion by McCue, seconded by Brueggen to table Pros and Cons of Various Strategies until next meeting when Sanders is available for explanation. Motion carried.

Lengthy discussion followed regarding residency requirement and the pros and cons of such a requirement. Those in favor of a residency requirement stated taxpayers would have more of an interest of what happens within their own municipality and they would like to see at least the Chief or the top three officers be town residents. Those against the residency requirement stated it may eliminate good candidates that would like to join and limit your total number of people available.

Voting rights of members was also discussed. Some committee members would like to see only the members that are town residents have voting rights. Other committee members would like to see any individual who is considered an official Fire Department member, have the right to vote regardless of whether they are a Fire Fighter, a First Responder or an EMT. It was also discussed to have voting rights and membership be tied in with attendance by having a minimum required number of Business meetings and training hours. Long stated the Town of Hayward requires individuals to attend nine out of twelve Business Meetings and receive a minimum of twenty hours of training each year to be a member. He clarified this helps eliminate individuals with poor attendance who are taking up \$2,000 worth of equipment.

Motion by Brueggen, seconded by McCue to table Residency Requirement until next meeting. Motion carried.

Next month's meeting will be on Monday, April 7, 2008 at 7:00 P.M., but may change to accommodate schedules for Sanders and Shamro to attend as well.

Discussion for next meeting will include; the pros and cons of various strategies, residency requirement, the requirements for voting and to review sections of the current By-Law's.

The committee members would also like to set a time frame for all meetings to be completed and suggested it be done in the next three months. They also discussed having more specific agenda items to focus on.

Motion by McCue, seconded by Brueggen to adjourn meeting at 7:36 P.M. Motion carried.

/s/ Dawn Henk, Clerk
Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County